

MOEM Memories



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Under Construction



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Before all EMQs finished

MOEM MEMORIES

first sightings



Moem Peninsula



Towards Boram





Moem Peninsula – Boram airfield in foreground. Kairuvu/Mushu Islands behind



2PIR Entrance – fear not all ye
who enter here!



2PIR Entry from BHQ



Fear everything all ye who enter here - BHQ



2 PIR Chapel
(KR after BHQ)



Theatre



2PIR Pool

THEN



2PIR Sgts Mess
1972

And NOW



2PIR Sgts Mess
2007

Mess Accom (and Chalkie Tpt)



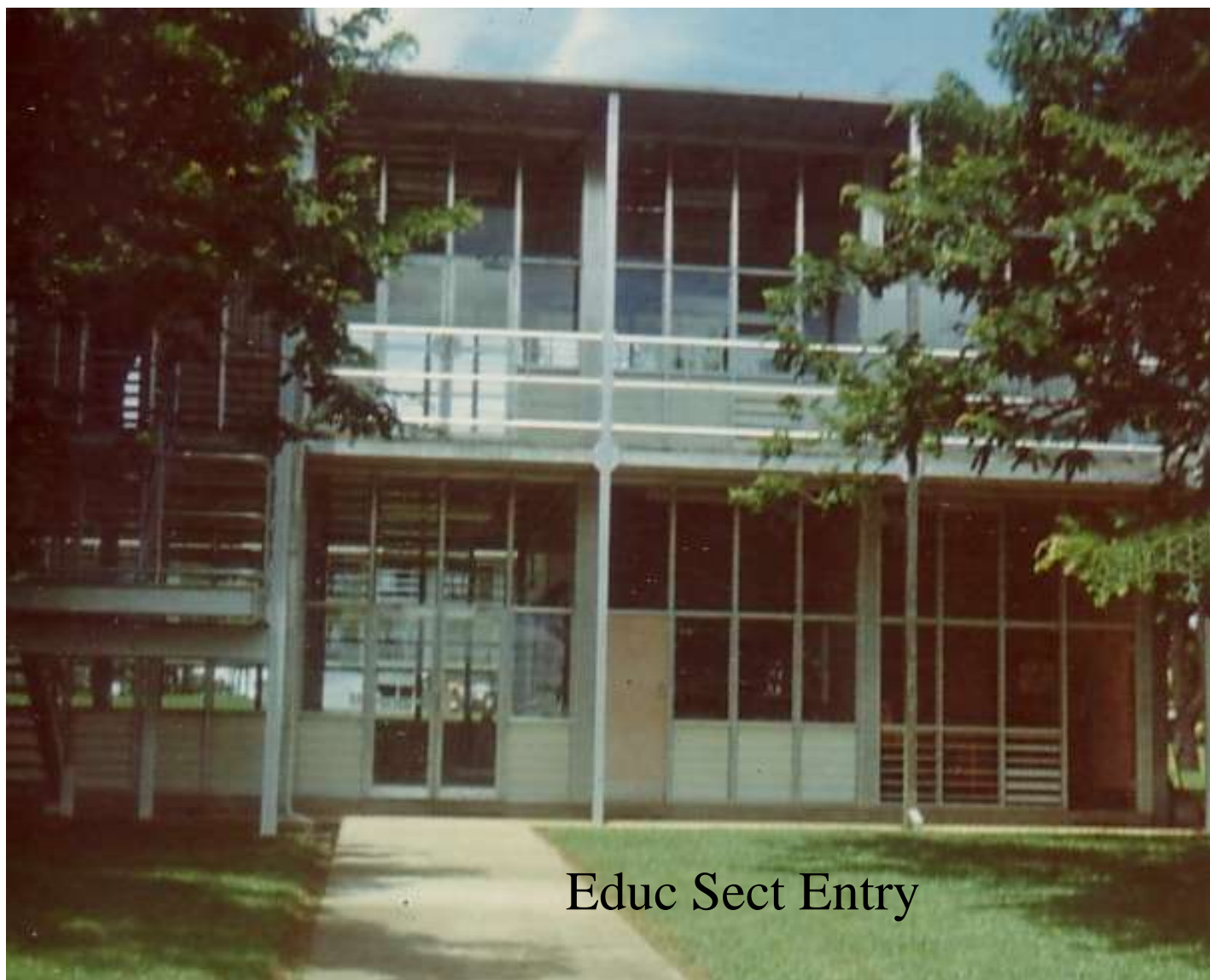
Not a Happy Hour!!!



MARRIED QUARTERS
(EMQs)







Educ Sect Entry





Haus Pik 1972



Haus Duk

Hous Pik (looking uphill)



Haus Pik
(from above)



FARM LIFE!!!

Farm from air - 1973





On Parade!!

**Parade Ground (and Pipe Band)
1970**

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2PIR Pipe Band



THE BOS





The DIDIMAN



In 1973, following self-government all Chalkies were transferred to HQ PNGDF. We had a uniform change from the juniper Green Beret to a Black Beret and wore the PNG national emblem over our right pockets. We still had to wear starched junpers, though!



Towards Moem over Wewak point

Jap 75mm Guns



Jap 75mm Guns on Mt Shiborangu.

WEWAK MAIN ST



Its Time

In late 1972, a number of “ITS TIME” T shirts were imported from Australia.

They weren't always greeted with enthusiasm except when worn like this!!

Picture also shows the only surf beach near populated areas in PNG???



Surf and Wewak Point



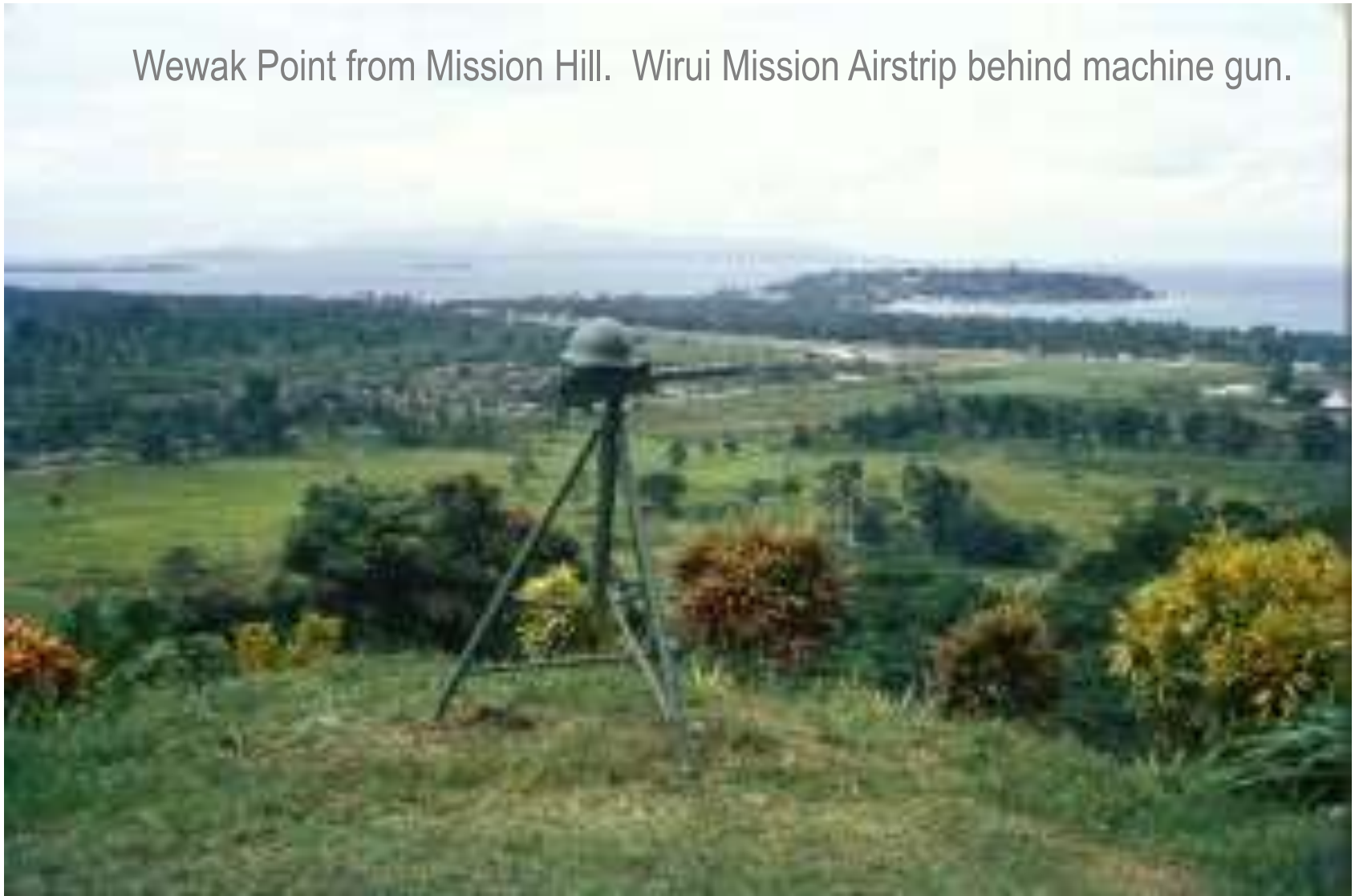


1996 Wewak
Ex kiap Jeff Payne at bar of the old Wewak hotel.
There are a lot of goasts in this photo.



Wewak point from Mission Hill

Wewak Point from Mission Hill. Wirui Mission Airstrip behind machine gun.





IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE SOLDIERS WHO PAID
THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRIES
JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AMERICA AND NEW GUINEA
DURING WORLD WAR 2 FROM 1941--1945 AND IN
SINCERE HOPE THAT OUR MEN WILL NEVER AGAIN
ENGAGE IN WAR, BUT THAT A DEEP SPIRIT OF
FRIENDSHIP MAY EXIST BETWEEN US ALL THEN
THEIR SACRIFICE WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN

Bones found in the area and thought to be Japanese were placed here and later repatriated to Japan

CAPE WOM



1970



2007



Cape Wom memorial to Japanese Surrender - 1972

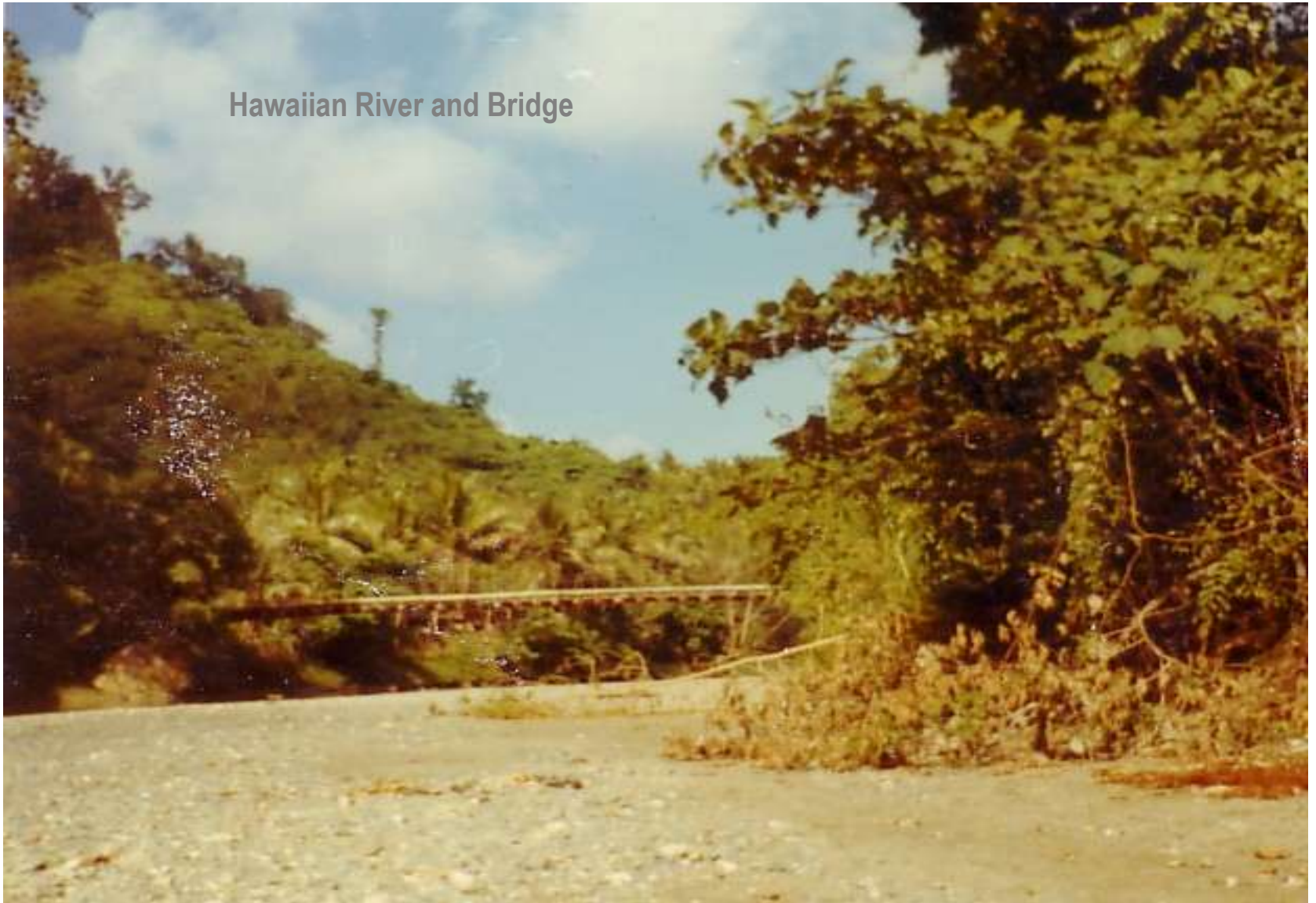


Cape Wom Beach.

Boat is Catholic Mission Barge used for moving people and equip around Wewak.

Beach is where we found Jap arms surrendered in 1945.

Hawaiian River and Bridge



Barracks under construction

But Airfield 1973



Dagua Beach





Vaimo



Vanimō Harbour



Vanimmo Haus Wind and Beach



Vanimmo Classroom



Soldiers at village near Vanimu. Driver is Pte Garis

VANIMO





Logged (Clear Felled) rainforest near Vaimo. Sometimes it was replanted with teak.

Wutung Village – near PNG/Indonesian border





PNG/Indonesian Border
Checkpoint.
A friendly meeting
between three nations
soldiers.



Refugees???



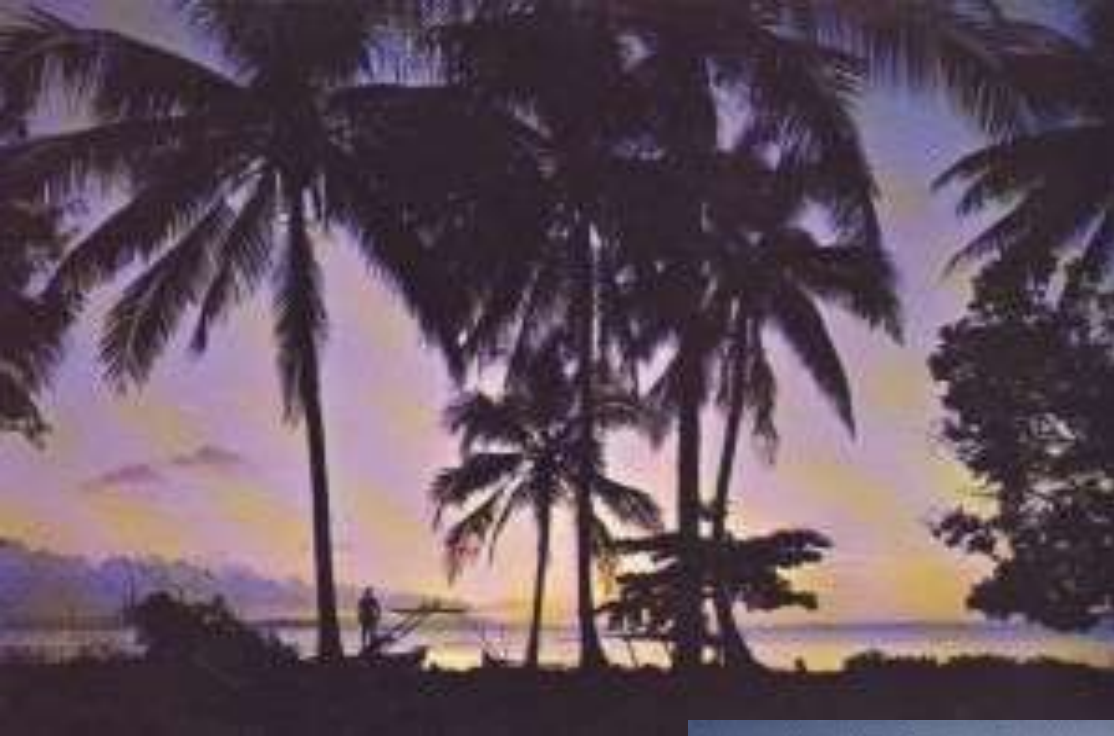
Cave on the Indonesian side of the border. It contained many bones and skulls and could only be visited occasionally..



A welcoming Sunrise at Vanimu -



The Last Hurrah – Dec 1972 (Gordon, Roger and Glenn)



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